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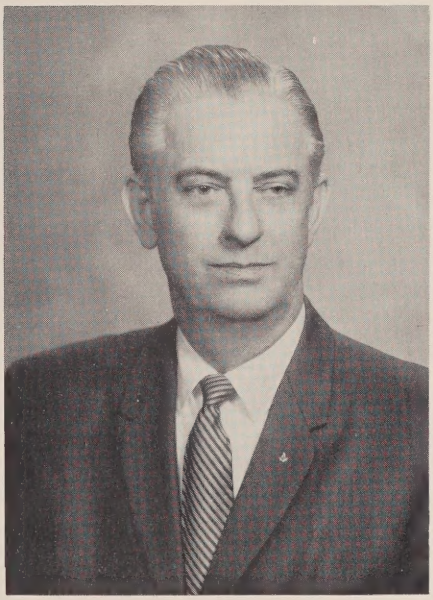

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New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
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"DICK LUCAS NIGHT"

Wednesday night of the Immortality Reunion was set aside and celebrated as "Dick Lucas Night". To make this celebration as complete as possible, Brother Wilmer Chesson of Plymouth, had brought Mrs. Lucas over for the banquet and of course she was seated at the head table with her husband. A biography of Brother Lucas' life was given following which he was presented with a beautifully framed Certificate of Meritorious Service which he accepted with words of appreciation.

During the presentation of the biographical sketch of the honored guest's life a poem was presented which had been prepared that day by the Scottish Rite's poet laureate, Brother J. Gaskill McDaniel, 32°. The poem was most expressive, very beautiful and pointed out in such a striking way those traits of personality and character with which Brother Lucas is so eminently endowed. It is a poem that our readers will cherish and for that reason and purpose it is included here:

"DICK LUCAS"

More light has surely come to me
From one whose eyes will never see
The sunshine on my path each day.
But who could better show the way?
Through the years, his radiant smile
Has brightened each succeeding mile;
And from this man so truly good,
I've learned the worth of brotherhood.
The sermon that he preaches best,
More eloquent than all the rest,
Is one he lives, with gentle touch,
And words could never say as much.
So wrong are those who think him blind,
His vision reaches all mankind,
And I for one am glad tonight
He taught us how to see the light.
Dick Lucas . . . Mason . . . Man of God,
Blessed is the ground your feet have trod,
And blessed are we who honor you
With feeble praises, long overdue.

J. Gaskill McDaniel

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. Pugh, 33°

The Immortality Reunion is now a matter of beautiful history. The Reunion closed with a total class membership of 133. We consider this an excellent record and are exceedingly proud of the efforts that our Brethren put forth to make the Reunion a success.

The members of the Immortality Class have now gone back to their homes and have settled back into their usual routine. We have only one request to make of them and that is that they remember the high moral and spiritual peak that was reached during the three days of the Reunion. If they will only continue in the thrill and enjoyment and inspiration that was experienced during the Reunion we assuredly will not have to worry about candidates for the class next Fall when we once again assemble for another Reunion.

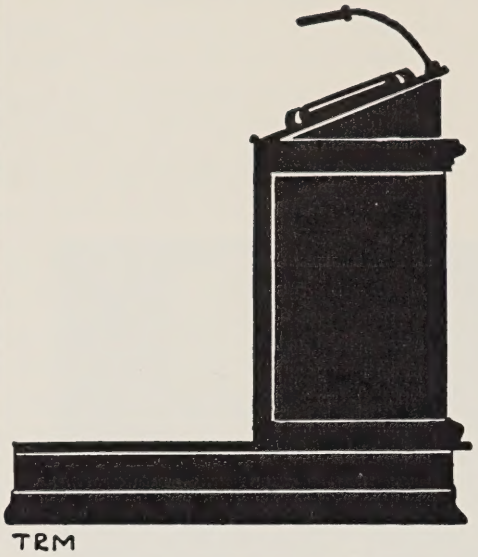
Each member of the class pledged himself to contact at least one prospective member. We have forwarded petitions to each member along with his dues card for the year, and it is our hope that they will proceed immediately to make those contacts.

The November Reunion — and please keep these dates foremost in your mind — will be held **November 16, 17 and 18.**

Thank you once again for all that you did to make the Reunion such a success. Enjoy yourself this Spring and have a wonderful summer, but don't forget to put your plans for our next Reunion in operation.

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

What Does Scottish Masonry Say To You?

The Spring Reunion is over; another fine and wonderful group of Brethren are in the fold. What does this mean? They now belong to a glorious, wonderful movement. What does Scottish Masonry say to you? I am afraid it speaks a different language to some people, or perhaps I should say some people hear the words differently. What we hear means the interpretation we put on it, and how nearly we act the part out in our daily living.

Freemasonry for years has been defined as a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Morality comes close home to each one of us because it concerns us; without the fruits of our morality our religion is barren.

There is a depth to Scottish Masonry of unknown proportions, for if we study its purposes, we find new meanings and a noble philosophy. We find new avenues of service to God and to mankind. We really serve God, by serving His children here on this earth and its institutions. If we do not do this, who will do it?

One of the great lessons of Scottish Masonry is found within each human heart. What does Scottish Masonry say to you and what do you propose to do about it? It unites men of various sects, creeds, and opinions who might otherwise have remained at a distance. Its real beauty does not appear until it is put to work. Then it shows in abundance with clarity and effect. This does not mean in the lodge room alone, but in our community, our state and our nation.

What did Scottish Masonry say to you? May I take a moment to tell you what it said to me. *Scottish Masonry told me that what holds this world together is not chemistry, weapons and guns, but spirituality, forgiveness and hope; not blind chance but an eternal purpose. We are and represent one of God's greatest cretions and we certainly were not just put here on this planet by this great Creator, to mean nothing, to do nothing, and to be nothing. Truth conquers evil and love is all powerful. There is and must be a Divine Creator to whom we should look for guidance and forgiveness. We show our love to this Creator when we extend it to our fellowmen. I saw in Scottish Rite Masonry, Love for God, Love for self, Love for fellowmen, Love for country and Love for our free institutions, our Public Schools, our churches and our Universities.*

What does Scottish Masonry say to you? The answer to this question and to many others reside within you, for that is its home.

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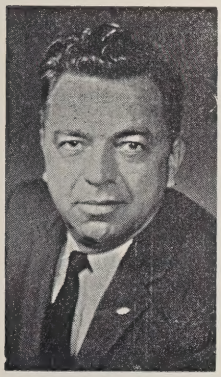
Dear Brethren,

Many people are afraid of new things; customs, styles, foods, etc. Others are willing to risk the unknown and accept, or try, anything new that appears on the market.



Burton Hillis, a writer with whom I am not familiar, offers something in the way of a suggestion. I expect it would be new to the most of us. I recommend it and believe we would all feel better and find that our days are more fulfilling and rewarding if we would try it. He writes, "'Most of us wait until we are in trouble and then we pray like the dickens. Wonder what would happen if, some morning, we'd wake up and say, 'Anything I can do for YOU today, Lord?' "

CHOICE

Our lives are songs; God writes the words
And we set them to music at pleasure;
And the song grows glad, or sweet, or sad,
As we choose to fashion the measure.

Nature couldn't make us perfect, so she did the next best thing — she made us blind to our faults.

One of the great mysteries is how the other half lives the way the other half drives.

"Just what good have you done for humanity?" asked the judge before passing sentence on the pickpocket.

"Well," replied the confirmed criminal thoughtfully, "I've kept three or four detectives working regularly."

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"Shall I omit the bad words?"

"Certainly."

"He didn't say anything."

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"Hummmmmph!" said Mr. Jones. "He can't be much of a ballplayer."

Truth has to change hands only a few times to become fiction.

There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow.

Consider the hammer —

It keeps its head.
It doesn't fly off the handle.
It keeps pounding away.
It finds the point and then drives it home.

It looks at the other side, too, and thus often clinches the matter.

It makes mistakes, but when it does it starts over.

It is the only knocker in the world that does any good.

A special welcome to all the new Scottish Rite Masons who went down that wonderful path in New Bern in April. May all your other courses in life be as gratifying.

A parting thought for all of you —

"The question is not what a man can scorn, or disparge, or find fault with, but what he can love, and value, and appreciate."

Your piper,
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Meet Our New Grand Master

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are proud to present to our members the new Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother William Watson Mims, Jr., 33°, of Charlotte, N. C. Most Worshipful Brother Mims was installed as Grand Master on Wednesday afternoon, April 21st, and proceeded immediately to elaborate upon the program which he wishes to pursue during the ensuing year.

At a meeting immediately following the Grand Lodge installation ceremony, the Grand Master met with the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and the District Education Chairmen. He extended his greetings to them and solicited their earnest support of the educational program during the forthcoming year.

Masons in North Carolina can well look forward to the new Masonic year under the direction of a man who is eminently qualified to provide the type of leadership that is so necessary as Masonry in North Carolina prepares to enlarge upon the program of Masonic education that was so well begun during the preceding year.

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William Watson Mims, Jr.

William Watson Mims, Jr., the One Hundred Fifteenth Mason of the Old North State to be accorded the great honor of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, comes to that exalted Oriental Chair with as complete an education and understanding of the workings of North Carolina Freemasonry as any of his predecessors, for since his appointment in 1963 as Grand Steward, he has so diligently applied himself to be ready for his great responsibilities to the Craft, having probably attended more official meetings of the Grand Lodge than any one brother.

Most Worshipful Brother Mims, with "an attentive ear," has served with distinction on every important Committee and Board of the Grand Lodge. His intimate knowledge of the Orphanage, the Home, Finance, Jurisprudence, Education and the general workings of the Board of General Purposes, combined with his close association with so many of his distinguished predecessors, makes this dedicated brother one of the greatest assets of Tar Heel Freemasonry. A year from today, Freemasonry in North Carolina will be the greater because of having the services of William Watson Mims, Jr.

Brother Mims was born in Kissimmee, Fla. in June 1916 and the family moved to Charlotte in 1922, Bill attended Charlotte City Schools, as well as accounting school, following which for some eleven years he was an accountant for the National Baking Company. During this period, Bill made one of the most important and joyful decisions in his life when he married lovely Nelleen Cox, and today they enjoy so much their daughter Susan M. Kimrey of Hillsboro, N. C., who, with their son-in-law, Timothy H. Kimrey, a minister, are the proud parents of three-year-old granddaughter, Erin.

Bill petitioned and was initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge No. 530 (the Port of Friendship) in 1949.

In 1949, he became a 32° Mason or Master of the Royal Secret. In recognition of his talents, Scottish Rite honored him with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1967.

This great Mason's activities are all encompassing, having received the York Rite Degrees and Orders, including that of Super Excellent Master in 1953 in the Charlotte Bodies. He served Four Crowned Martyrs Council as its head and later affiliated with the Red Cross of Constantine and Societas Rosicruciani in Civitatibus Foederatis.

A Noble of Oasis Temple, Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, he has served on many important committees.

A studious, devoted Mason and family man, one always feels the better and the richer for having been associated with William Watson Mims, Jr. The sixty-eight thousand Freemasons of North Carolina have again chosen well in their selection of a leader. His will be a great contribution to the Craft.

IMMORTALITY CLASS MINUTES

On Tuesday morning, April 13, 1971, the Immortality Class of candidates started receiving the Scottish Rite in the Valley of New Bern, N. C., as they witnessed the beginning of three days of beautiful and very inspiring degrees. Following morning classes, they held their first business meeting under the temporary chairmanship of Illustrious Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary of the New Bern, N. C. Scottish Rite Bodies.

After numerous nominations with the normal elective procedure the following list of class officers were elected:

President: Brother Edmond L. Fricke, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Vice President: Brother Jack Sweatte, Jacksonville, N. C.; Secretary: Brother David E. Short, Hubert, N. C.; and Orator: Brother Fred Fordham, Belhaven, N. C., Episcopal Rector.

On Thursday evening, April 15th, the impressive degree work was climaxed by a wonderful banquet in the Scottish Rite Dining Hall, composed of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed saled, rolls, apple pie, orange juice, and coffee, following Thanks rendered by Reverend A. D. Leon Gray, K.C.C.H.

Brother Bob Pugh acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Jimmie Brewer, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of N. C. who presented honored guests. Brother Bob Pugh returned to the stand and introduced the class president who charged each member of the class to return to his community and make every effort to expand and improve his own Blue Lodge. He then paid tribute to the ones working closest with the class during progression of the degrees: Brother Bob Pugh; Brother Ed Blair, Lecturer and Instructor, genial Brother Tom

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Slate, Class Marshall, and Brother Leslie Parker, Assistant Class Marshall. Honors were then paid to the Stage Hands, Actors, Directors, members of the choir and robing room, ladies of the Eastern Star who were able to feed so many in so little time under the able direction of Brother Charles T. Potter, 33°, and all others whose hard work made this reunion a huge success. He presented the Class Officers following which he introduce the Class Orator, Brother Fred Fordham, who gave an interesting address on an "Immortal and Never Ending Life".

The program was again returned to the Master of Ceremonies Brother Bob Pugh who introduced Most Worshipful Brother Maurice E. Walsh, 33°, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of N. C., who delivered a most challenging address commending each classmember to finish his Masonic education, but not to do this at the cost of his family, church, or community.

Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, returned and announced awards presented during this reunion, and thanked the Immortality Class for being most responsive during the entire three-day period.

The reunion was closed with benediction given by Illustrious Brother Richard H. Lucas, 33°, honored guest of "The Immortality Class" of 1971.

David E. Short
Secretary

1971 SPRING REUNION

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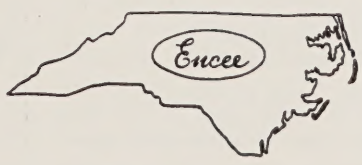

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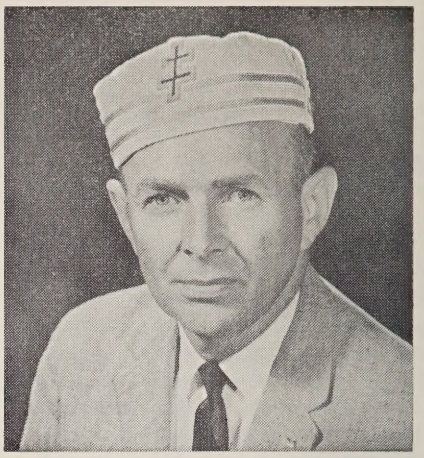

Not long ago I read an article by this Frenchman who said the worst part of his recent trip to this country was enduring all the high school French that was tried out on him. Americans, he declared, are a most amazing people. He said we have advanced science and industry by a quarter century while setting the French language back by at least twice that much. He noted several instances when he had been thoroughly confused, sometimes insulted, by Americans who thought they were speaking French.

I was immediately reminded of an experience in Italy shortly after the close of World War II. Our unit occupied some buildings in a little town up near the Austrian border and inside of twenty-four hours the whole outfit was working on the plumbing. No part of that plumbing was doing what it was supposed to and things were getting pretty messy. The mayor of the town found out we were having troubles — I think he was located downwind — and came by to offer his good offices. He didn't know anything about plumbing but he spoke pretty good English. He sat around and told us how important he was and he offered several theories as to why the Germans lost the war (that Italian plumbing probably had something to do with it) and he smoked about half our cigarettes before he all of a sudden remembered a cousin about four mountains away who was a real good plumber. So we fixed him up a jeep and a driver to go fetch the cousin. It was the next day before we saw him again. He explained he'd forgotten which cousin was the plumber and he'd had to look up and visit with about twenty or so cousins before he found the right one. The jeep driver reported that they'd all had a regular family reunion that night.

The cousin turned out to be an aristocratic old gentleman who couldn't speak a word of English and he used the mayor as an interpreter to let us know right off that he hadn't done any plumbing in thirty years. We didn't figure this to be any handicap because the plumbing was a whole lot older than that.

Well, the mayor had to go off and tell his wife and the rest of the town where he'd been all the time, so this real bright young lieutenant volunteered to act as official interpreter for the plumber. It developed that the lieutenant's evaluation of his linguistic abilities was not substantiated by the facts in the case and it won't long before he had insulted the plumber beyond all apparent hope of any pacification whatsoever. It seems that in his efforts to describe in Italian the plumbing problems we were experiencing he had unknowingly called the plumber a couple of unprintable names. The old gentleman promptly replied in kind and although the lieutenant didn't understand what it was he was being called he could tell it wasn't a declaration of undying affection and our foreign relations sort of deteriorated right along.

After they had exchanged compliments for several minutes the plumber threw his wrenches at the lieutenant and an unoffending corporal and went off in a huff. In about fifteen minutes he came marching back with cousin mayor and roughly half the town — forty or fifty people. The mayor got up on a chair and made a speech. He talked some about what a good family he and cousin plumber came from and he offered a few remarks concerning the uncertain behavior of cesspools in general and Americans in particular and he spoke a little on the fertility of the Po Valley. After about an hour or it it came out the what he was wanting was an apology for cousin plumber and some more cigarettes for cousin mayor. He got both.

It didn't do any good. Nothing did. We never did get that plumbing to work. The engineers finally set up some portable waterworks for us about a block away and those Alpine winds let you know you were outdoors every time you made the trip.

I never heard of that lieutenant trying out his Italian any more. He stuck strictly to English and sign language.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

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MEN FOR THE TIMES

The times in which we live — who is adequate to deal with such time as this? We are too near events to really understand their significance, or to pass judgement on them. They must be left to the historians of the future. Looking back he will be able to see things in a clearer light than we now see them. I will content myself with what all must surely realize: Never has there been such a time as this before. We are living in stirring times, but this does not blind us to the fact that the "times are out of joint"!

What kind of man do we need for such a time as this? The worst times need the best men and it seems they always get them. If you want a confirmation of this this you have but to read history. You will get it there. But there is no need to do that. We have abundance of evidence of it in the present. The times through which we are passing have called forth the best men to lead and to guide the country. God has always matched the man with the hour. He sees to it that there are always men suited for the times, who are equal to whatever demands are put upon them. It is obvious that for such a time as this we need men of muscle and of courage.

We also need for our times men of cultured mind and of righteous spirit, men who are neither worldlings nor cowards; men who see the bright side of things, who know that God is always behind the scenes; men who are earnest, serious, Godfearing; men in whom God lives and moves and has His being; men of conviction; men of faith. Only such men are equal to the needs of such a time as this. Masonry has the ability to furnish our time such a man as this. You can be that man!

What part should Masonry be playing in days like these? We are constantly being reminded by statesmen, by the press, from the speakers forum, of the part we should play as private citizens. What must we do? There is something each of us can do, a contribution that we can make which is of vital importance.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Not only is this contribution vital, it is of the greatest importance of all.

We are experiencing tremendous upheavals in society and the world. "The old order changes, yielding place to the new." We are already talking of yet another "new order", the shape things must take if peace is to come to the world.

This is where our job will lie. It will be the task of Masonry to take a decisive lead in the creation of the "new order". The special contribution of Masonry must not be merely in the realm of speculation or philosophical discussions, but in the realm of practice. Bertrand Russell once said that if men had the courage to live the life that is written in the word of God, the world of our dreams would come of itself and we should not need to trouble ourselves about economic and political changes. Our Masonic "faith" needs to be translated into action in every realm of life. The world is waiting for men of action to do this, to act on the principles we have been taught in our lodges, to live by the precepts given in our great teachings. It is not enough to learn a ritual, we must apply the teachings to every realm of life, social, economic, political, and international. It will be the special task of Masonry to do this, to give a definite lead in the great movements that await us in the coming days. If our country is going to save and serve the world in these critical days of its destiny it will be through the application of Masonic teachings (for they are of God) to the whole of life. Have we the faith to do this? Are we people of faith prepared to make the supreme contribution of the strength of all that is good and noble and pure in the world today?

Knowing the times and its peculiar need, let us fit ourselves to meet this need. Let us take renewed devotion to our obligations and vows.

Rise up O Men of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.
Rise up O men of God
His kingdom tarries long:
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And end the night of wrong

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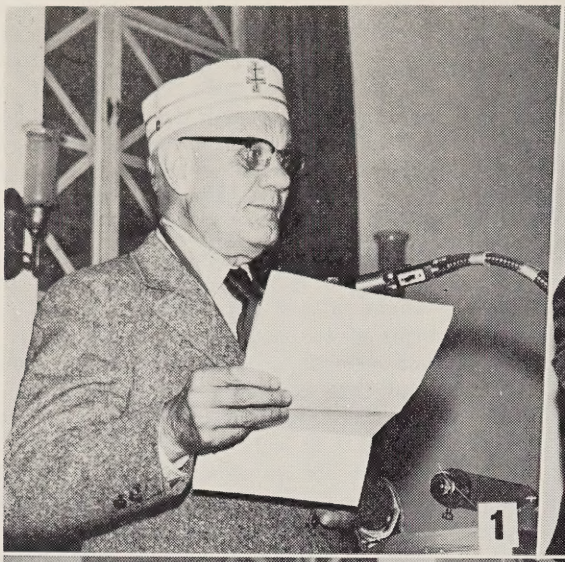

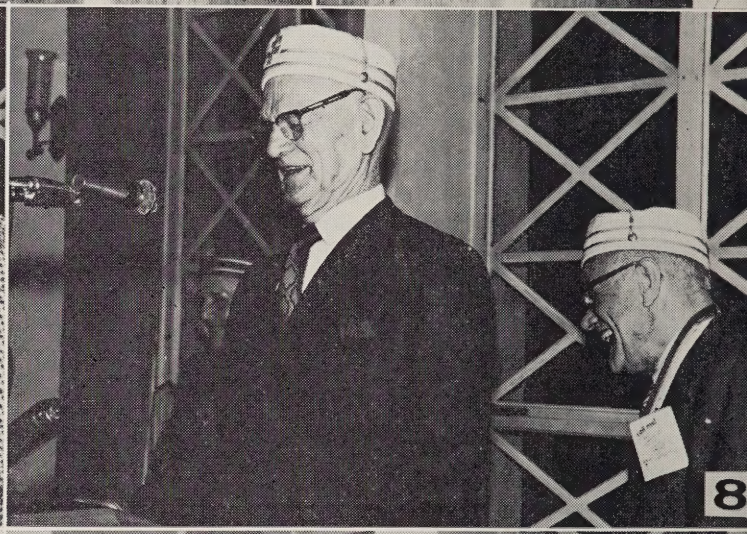

1. Secretary Bob Pugh greeting the assembled group in the dining hall.
2. Venerable Master James W. Brewer, P.G.M., 33°, introducing distinguished guests.
3. A. O. "Cutie" Latham, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of N. C. and a member of the Class.
4. Rev. J. Fred Fordham, member of the Class and Orator at the Class Banquet.
5. Grand Master Maurice E. Walsh, 33°, addressing the group on the "Grand Master's Night".
6. President of the Class, Major and Brother Edmond L. Fricke, in charge of the program on Thursday evening.
7. E. W. Paul, Sr., 33°, receiving his wife's kiss in celebration of his Fifty Year Award while the Secretary looks on approvingly.
8. The beloved, Richard H. "Dick" Lucas, 33°, responding

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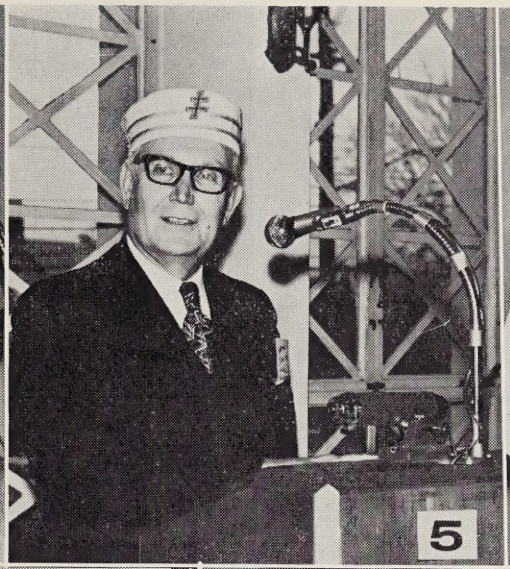
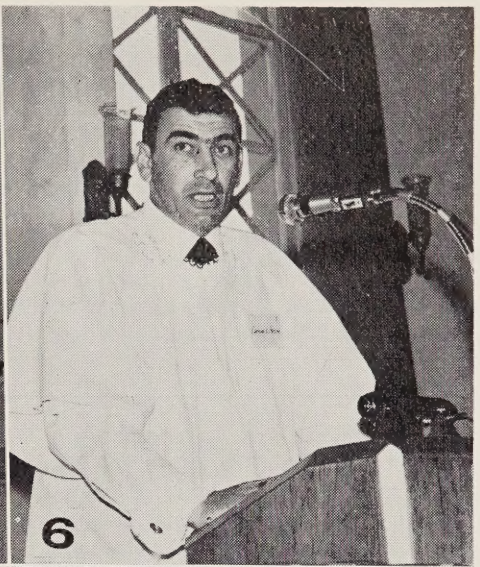
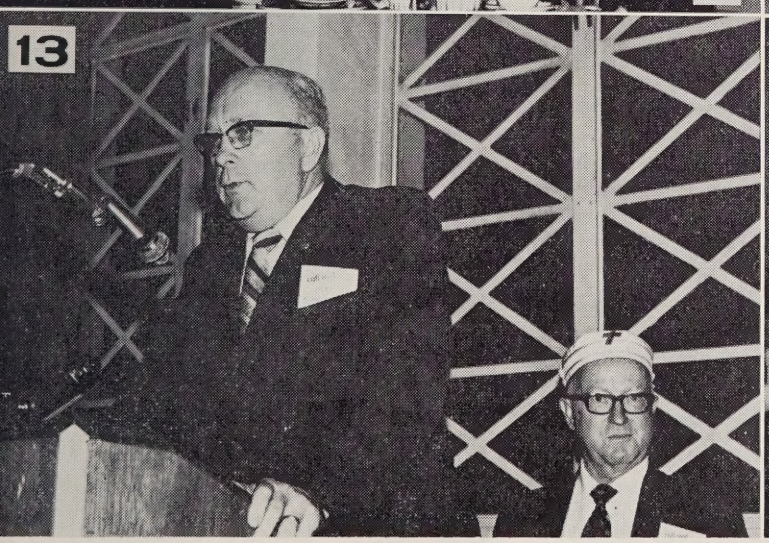
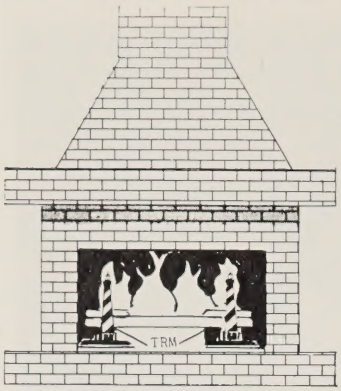






during the "Dick Lucas Night" program.

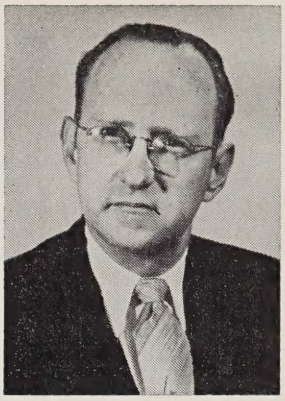
9. Mrs. Richard H. Lucas being greeted by the assembled group.
10. Ill. Cecil Henderson, 33°, of Wilmington, Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S.M. of N. C., addressing the group.
11. Wilmer C. Chesson, 32°, of Plymouth, acknowledging recognition.
12. E. W. Paul, Sr., 33°, being presented a Certificate representing Fifty Years faithful service as a 32° Mason.
13. Sam McPherson, 32°, Worthy Grand Patron of the N. C. Grand Chapter O.E.S. addressing the group.
14. Raymond Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., faithful member and long time friend and constant companion of "Dick" Lucas, acknowledging recognition.



HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°



In recent months we have spent considerable time in the "Port City" of Wilmington where racial violence, triggered by violence in three schools, has received extensive publicity in the state and national press.

One of the leaders "imported" by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to "restore order" in the schools was introduced to a large assembly as "one of the state's best-known and respected Masons."

It is true the gentleman displayed a large Shrine pin on his coat lapel. It is also true, according to The Code, he will not be admittted into any of our Blue Lodges in the state.

Naturally, respecting certain pledges made during the Master Mason's Degree, we did not question him about his Masonic background. As a matter of fact, we removed a ring and tie clasp and placed them in a pocket to avoid possible questioning from him.

Acknowledging the flowerly introduction, the gentleman did not dwell on his Masonic achievements, but did make it clear to an interested audience that "as a Mason, I can get things done."

His goals, as outlined that night and amplified in detail later, included having students boycott the schools until one junior high school is restored to its previous 100 per cent "black enrollment," picketing of certain stores by his race "to eliminate their profit," and a demand that the state abolish capital punishment.

Only the last goal, we feel, has any merit — and that is a decision to be made by our law makers. Personally, we believe in capital punishment, but respect the feelings of others who differ.

School integration, whether you favor it or not, is the law of the land. The U. S. Supreme Court ruling, in essence, means that all public schools will be integrated, with or without federal supporting funds. It's just that simple.

We fail to see how any rational person, knowing this is a federal edict, can have the gall to urge students (and parents) to boycott public schools until "'school officials give us back our school."

The students who did boycott the schools (and there are some) have wasted most of a year's work. When they return to classes they will have to repeat the year's work.

As for the economic boycott, at last report it was a complete failure. Two of the merchants involved assured us their business increased AFTER sign-carrying pickets paraded outside their firms.

If this gentleman's recommendations are a true indication of his Masonic background, let us be thankful that the teachings of our Blue Lodges and the Scottish Rite provide a marked contrast.

BRINSON HONORED BY SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC BODIES

T. Wallace Brinson, who resides at Kinton's in Fuquay-Varina, was honored Sunday when R. L. Pugh, Secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, visited him and presented him his "Fifty-Year Membership Certificate" in the Scottish Rite Bodies. A. A. Kafer, Jr., accompanied Mr. Pugh to Fuquay-Varina for the event.

Present for the presentation were Mr. Brinson's daughters, Mrs. Charles F. Taylor of New Bern and Mrs. Bennie Howard, Jr., of Raleigh; Mr. Taylor, Mr. Howard and children, Cathy and Benny, III, and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lineberger of Raleigh, former New Bernians.

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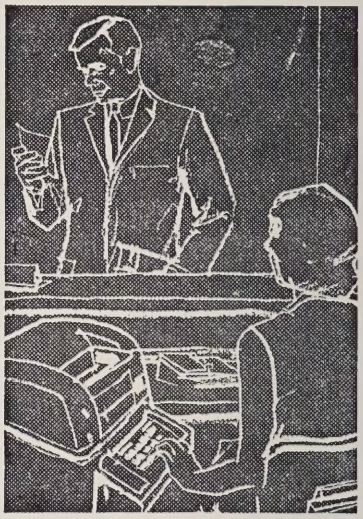

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

"The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting Monday night April 5, 1971, at "Tetterton's Restaurant", a delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by the following Brethren: G. R. Leggett, Sr., Frank Bickerstaff, W. C. Chesson, R. H. Lucas, Charlie Ange, Jerry Miller, H. F. Perkins, W. C. Pate, Harold Patrick, Bryant Harris, Dan Pittman, Leslie Manning, Woodrow Dixon.

Brother Leggett impressed upon the Brethren the importance of encouraging the members of the club to use all their persuasive power to create a decision by our Blue Lodge Brethren to petition for the "Scottish Rite Degrees" noting that the thing that brings out the best in most people is encouragement. Words alone will not be enough; your attitude will be more eloquent. You must not only say encouraging things, you must think encouraging things. You must expect them to amount to something.

If you have the right kind of stuff in you, you can be somebody's "best friend", perhaps to a number of somebodys. And earn a very special kind of gratitude!

Masonry offers a map with three fixed points:

First, knowledge about the natural world. We get this knowledge from observation, experiment, experience and correlation. Using this knowledge we build roads, automobiles and skyscrapers. Through it we heal diseases, save labor, and improve our foods. We call this knowledge science.

Second, the knowledge of the human race — its history, nature and capacity — giving us the means of constructing our government, our cultural life, our social order as a whole. By this means we possess freedom and responsibility and peace among men. The liberal arts, the fine arts, and the humanities enable us to build civilization. This knowledge may be called wisdom.

Third, the knowledge we possess of God and of His spiritual Kingdom enables each person to relate himself properly to the two preceding points.

This is the area of Religion, of purpose, of morality and of goodness. It is the field we call revelation. The Bible is the medium of its communication. This field establishes the light from which all other values are determined. This knowledge we may call faith.

Masonry treats each of these three areas of learning as essential to the educated man. Each member draws from each field that data relevant to his particular need.

Together these three points — science, wisdom, revelation — establish the road of understanding through chaos and beyond it to order.

"The measure of the state of our great and time-honored Fraternity is its influence upon the lives of those who have taken its sacred obligations at our altars. But it must go further than the single life; it must be as a plumb line which stretches from time to eternity; a guide to a higher life and a higher calling. So, also, must we measure the state of our Fraternity by the influence of its philosophy, its teachings of honor, reverence, and a recognition of its spiritual values on the life of the communities in which our Lodges are situated. Freemasonry cannot and must not be confined within the tiled doors of the Lodge. To do so would be to destroy it finally and utterly. We must give to our brethren and to ourselves that something which can be carried out into the world to be used in the uplift of man and the building of a better tomorrow for those who are coming after us." "Scottish Rite Masonry" offers all this and more, to every Master Mason, who will accept and use this opportunity.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday April 4th at the Washington Masonic Lodge on West 5th St. in Washington, with 39 members present.

This was a herring and shad fish fry. The herring were caught by W. G. Hodges from Tranters Creek which runs through the Hodges farm. They were caught on Saturday the 3rd. Willie Gray Hodges and Roy Edwards with their wives prepared the meal assisted by Edward Ray Edwards. To those members who were not present, you just don't know what you missed. Supper was served at 6:30.

President Ray Alexander presided.

Jack Tripp gave the invocation.

Red Saunders of Raleigh was guest of Edw. Ray Edwards.

After the meal a delightful fellowship hour was enjoyed by all.

The ladies cleaned up after the meal and the men adjourned to the conference room for a short business meeting.

The minutes and financial report was approved..

The president reported on the recent Ladies night which was held in Washington this year for the area of Washington, Martin and Beaufort Counties with some 150 members present with their wives. At this banquet, Fred Hollis was toastmaster, the invocation was by Jack Tripp. Robert L. Pugh, Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Bern introduced Jimmy Brewer of Greenville, Past Masonic Grand Master of North Carolina, who was the speaker of the evening.

Ashley Leggett gave a short talk and urged everyone to attend as many sessions as possible of the upcoming Reunion on April 13, 14 and 15th. He informed the group that this Reunion would honor Richard (Dick) Lucas a thirty-third degree Mason of Plymouth.

It was decided to have our next meeting on May 2nd at the Washington Masonic Lodge. This will be a charcoal steak cookout. Vance Smith and Ray Alexander will make all arrangements for the meal being assisted by their wives.

Ashley G. Leggett

James W. Brewer, 33°, P.G.M., Speaker for the Washington Party.

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Dare County Scottish Rite Club

Our 1970 President, Arthur Ray Johnson called a meeting of the members of the Dare County Scottish Rite Club on February 18, 1971. We met at the Manteo Masonic Hall at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of electing new officers. After Benediction we attended to all the old business. Then Brother Johnson opened the floor for nomination of 1971 officers. After due process of electing officers, the following members were elected:

Clarence G. Brickle, President; Reubin E. Payne, Vice-President; and Robert S. "Bob" Smith, Secretary-Treasurer.

After the installation of officers, the group discussed ways to get more candidates for the spring reunion at New Bern.

There is concern about the negligence of our members in attendance of meetings. We decided to call the next meeting a few days before the Spring Reunion. It is hoped that the interest will be at its peak. We were asked by our President to talk up the next meeting.

Brother J. E. "Jack" Finn was asked to give the closing Benediction.

R. S. Smith, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

On April 3, 1971 in the East Carteret High School lunch room, the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its annual Spring Ladies Night party. The dinner and the program which followed were enjoyed by approximately 200 members and their wives.

Toastmaster for the evening was President Brother A. C. Blankenship, 32°, the invocation was given by Reverend A. P. Hill, 32°, and everyone was welcomed by Bro. John Campobasso, 32°. Bro. James W. Bell, 32°, Past Master Ocean Lodge, Morehead City, introduced distinguished guests who included Bro. Ed Blair, 33°, and Mrs. Blair, Bro. Harvey Smith, 33°, and Mrs. Smith, Bro. Fred Gillikin, 32°, one of the oldest Masons in North Carolina, Bro. Earl Noe, 33°, each member of the 8th Degree team, and, of course, our speaker, Bro. Sam D. Bundy, 32°, and Mrs. Bundy.

Bro. Charles Potter, 33°, spoke of the forthcoming reunion, of the work for the candidates and fun for the wives, and he had material which was given to about 15 prospective candidates. (He got laughs and groans when he told of the many calories in the food to be served during the reunion.) Bro. John Bryan, 32°, introduced the speaker of the evening, Bro. Sam D. Bundy, 32°, who with words both light and serious, spoke to us of Scottish Rite Masonry and how it tries to help us meet the challenges of each day, to love our God, our country, our families, and to help our brothers. A few words were said by Bro. Harvey Smith, 33°, and the closing prayer was given by Bro. A. P. Hill.

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The regular monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held on April 5th was called to order by Bro. John Bryan, 32°, Vice-President. The main order of business was for members to continue their drive for candidates for the Spring reunion. New club cards are ready for all members at my home in Smyrna or at the Lodge on regular meeting nights. After several brothers made a few remarks, the meeeting was adjourned. Twenty-five members were present.

John C. Campobasso,
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met for a business meeting at the Carolina Coffee Shoppe March 4, 1971. Meeting was called to order by Bro. Wilton Walker, Jr. R. K. Hollomon gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting were read for information. Brother Walker stated we had met to elect officers for the year 1971. Bro. F. W. Clark named Brother G. G. Kight for President. A ballot was taken and Bro. Kight was elected for 1971.

Bro. C. S. Jones was elected Vice-President for 1971. Brother R. K. Hollomon was elected as Secretary and Treasurer for 1971.

After a discussion on a date to have our Ladies Night annual Shrimp Supper, we decided to have it March 31 at Eureka Lodge No. 317, Elizabeth City at 7:00 P.M.

After the meeting, refreshments were served and everybody enjoyed the fellowship.

On March 31, 1971 the shrimp supper was served to about one hundred and forty members of the Scottish Rite and their ladies. We also had about eight candidates. The fellowship was wonderful and everybody seemed to enjoy the shrimp. We hope we will have a good number present at the reunion this year.

R. K. Hollomon,
Secretary-Treasurer

Fort Bragg Scottish Rite Ladies Night

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enjoyed a delightful dinner in the Horace Ziglar Banquet Hall of Fort Bragg Lodge No. 667 in Spring Lake, N. C.

After suitable preparations had been made by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, who did an outstanding job in preparing and serving the meal, the gathering was invited to be seated by Brother William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., who acted as Toastmaster for the occasion.

After an invocation by Brother Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, a most bountiful roast turkey dinner was enjoyed by all.

The Toastmaster then introduced distinguished guests, including Court of Honor members, degree cast members and the Officers and Ladies of the Eastern Star.

Brother Hammond then introduced Brother Purcell E. Rose, 32°, Master of Fort Bragg Lodge, who welcomed the group to the lodge and invited them to tour the building after the meeting. Worshipful Master Rose then introduced the Officers of Fort Bragg Lodge and their ladies.

The Toastmaster called upon Brother Wallace C. Jackson, 33°, who introduced the Speaker of the evening, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Recorder of Sudan Temple, and also an indefatigable worker in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Brother Banks delivered a most inspiring and interesting address on Scottish Rite Masonry, pointing out the advantage to be gained and enjoyed by taking its wonderful degrees. His address was enjoyed by all and many favorable comments were heard.

It was one of the most productive of all Scottish Rite Ladies Nights ever held at Fort Bragg Lodge, producing ten petitions, which were turned over to Brother Banks to deliver to New Bern.

After a brief discussion of the mechanics of taking the degrees and of the program offered for wives of candidates who desired to accompany their husbands to New Bern, the Benediction was pronounced by Brother Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, and the group dispersed to their respective homes filled with enthusiasm and vowing to make this reunion the best ever.

Hertford Ladies' Night Party

On Friday night, April 2, 1971 the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held their annual Scottish Rite Ladies' Night Party in the High School Cafeteria, with approximately 124 members and guests present. G. H. (Tuck) Webb was Toastmaster for the occasion. The invocation was given by R. C. Wilson, after which everybody was seated and went to work on that oven fried chicken, tomato juice, congealed salad, macaroni and cheese, snap beans, hot rolls, butter, apple pie a la mode and coffee. Welcome was given by Horace Webb, followed by Peggy Webb, his wife, who gave the response; then in very appropriate words John McDonald recognized guests and visitors from Edenton and Chowan County, Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County, Tyrrell County, Washington County, Bertie County, Perquimans County and Carteret County. One 33rd degree member was recognized, F. W. Clark of Elizabeth City, and the following K.C.C.H. members were present — Coonie Smith, Clinton Bunch, and Walter Kirby, all from Elizabeth City, Dusty Rhodes of Edenton and G. C. Buck of Hertford; The Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Andrews of the Hertford United Methodist Church were recognized. Several new Masons are looking forward to going the Scottish Rite way, and one candidate, John W. Harrison will be in the line-up at New Bern and take the Scottish Rite degrees. Cecil E. Winslow then introduced the speaker, Brother Newman Lewis of Beaufort, N. C., who spoke very splendidly on Scottish Rite Masonry, which was greatly appreciated. G. C. Buck was called on to wrap up the highlights of the party. The High School P.T.A. ladies did an excellent job of preparing and serving the dinner. The benediction was pronounced by W. F. Ainsley. All members and visitors declared the party to be very enjoyable and entertaining.

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on March 12th at the Barbecue Lodge at 7:00 P.M. with Brother Ronald Wall presiding and Brother Bill gave the invocation. A very delicious meal, family style, was enjoyed by all 26 members attending. One guest and two candidates for the forthcoming reunion were present, Brother Guy Taylor, Brother Woodrow Davenport and Brother William E. Futch, our guest, was recognized. Lapel pins from the temple were presented the candidates.

The forthcoming reunion was discussed, a rehearsal date was set for the degree team, of the 32° of which several members of our club are cast members.

Four Ambassadors from our district were named; Brother William R. Leggett, Jr., Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705; Brother C. C. Turner, Pleasant Hill Lodge No. 304; Brother Don Hinds, St. John No. 4, Kinston, and Brother Sam Rouse, LaGrange, Lenoir Lodge.

A project for the club was discussed, which will be announced at our next meeting.

Good fellowship was enjoyed by all. The meeting came to a close and Brother Lee Dorsey gave the benediction.

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To every man the word conjures up a very personal picture — no two alike, but an image peculiar to the individual. We nearly all hold a belief, a faith, in something. Pitiful, indeed, is he who believes in nothing.

However that faith must be free. No man has the right to control another's belief any more than he has the right to force his will on another through power. There is a way to lead a man to faith however.

If we live our lives daily in such a way that the unbeliever is convinced that there is an Intelligence and a Providence, supreme over all guiding our lives, then we may help him to create his own faith.

Likewise, as we carry forth that example in our Masonic endeavors, never failing to portray loving-kindness in all our contacts was others, we can destroy the ammunition of those who teach against us. When those who call ours a social, self-seeking organization are face to face with acts of concern, love, and faith guided by reason, they shall have to acknowledge defeat. We shall emerge victorious, confident of our belief in a Supreme Being, warmed by our spirit of brotherly love, and content with our Faith.

Charles F. Dickinson
Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

William Edward Bellamy, 32°, Scotland Neck, N. C.	March 19, 1971
Neill M. Sessoms, 32°, Fayetteville, N. C.	April 2, 1971
Oscar Burrus, 32°, Ocracoke, N. C.	January 14, 1971
Earl W. Norwood, 32°, Apex, N. C.	November 10, 1970

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So it was with our last reunion, Your part in our last reunion may have been a humble one. But it is like with an orchestra, whether one plays the instrument or polishes them, sells tickets or sweeps up after the performance each had a role to play. And each was needed and appreciated. The past reunion will be richer for the element of love and sincerity each of you contributed.

Someone is closer to God as a result of your contribution be it large or small. After all, this is what a reunion is all about.

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Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club was host to the annual Ladies Night Scottish Rite Party, that was given by the New Bern Consistory. This was a gala event and one that is looked forward to by the members of the Consistory of this area and their ladies. There were approximately two hundred guests including the ladies and invited guests present for this occasion in spite of the bad weather.

A bountiful banquet consisting of tomato juice cocktail, country ham, candied yams, pickles, rolls, home made cake and coffee was served by the ladies of the local Eastern Star Chapter.

With Brother Robert G. Hufford acting as Master of Ceremonies, the program was presented. The invocation was given by Brother A. E. Brown; the guests were welcomed by Brother Ed. Hartsell, President of the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club; Brother Leslie H. Garner, presented the Melody Makers a musical quartet who furnished a short and delightful musical program; Brother Jesse R. Laughinghouse, presented the speaker, Hon. Sam Bundy, who gave a most instructive and enjoyable talk on Scottish Rite Masonry. The ladies were remembered with favors by the local club.

There were a number of prospective candidates among the guests for this affair and the prospects for having a good class of candidates from this area are very bright.

James W. Brewer, 33°, P.G.M., giving a "Pep-Talk" on the "Forthcoming Reunion".

Rev. Robert G. Hufford, Master of Ceremonies.

Sam D. Bundy, 32°, Speaker of the evening.

Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club

The Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club met on March 15th, 1971 at 6:30 P.M. at Bob Melton's where a fine meal was enjoyed by all present.

President Frank Jones presided. The Invocation was given by Bro. James F. King, Jr. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old and new members and visitors totaled (40), which was more than had ever been present at any previous meeting. President Frank Jones made some worthwhile remarks expressing the overall theme of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, namely that of entire unity in and among all Masonic Bodies. Bro. S. D. Fuller gave a brief talk on Scottish Rite Masonry. The upcoming reunion practice for the 5th degree was discussed and it was decided to have a practice on this Degree at the Masonic Temple, Saturday Night March 20th at 7:30 P.M. All visitors were recognized. Each person paid the usual $1.00 and the club paid the other cost of the meal.

Three new members were voted into the club.

All members were urged to attend the Reunion coming up in Enfield March 24th, 1971. The meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

Frank Yost, Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome To Our New Initiates

New Members of "The IMMORTALITY Class" Initiated Spring Reunion — April 13, 14, 15, 1971

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Gene Frederick Herring ..... Jacksonville, N. C.

15° Through 32°

Wade Hampton Davis ..... New Bern, N. C.

19° Through 32°

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Ernest Sanford Harris ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Lawrence Edward Harris ..... Enfield, N. C.
Jeffrey Lynn Holmes ..... Ahoskie, N. C.
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Theodore Taft Parker ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Ernest Lee Shiflett ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Linda Forbes Stokes ..... Greenville, N. C.

30° Through 32°

Nelson Bryan Gillikin ..... Beaufort, N. C.

4° Through 32°

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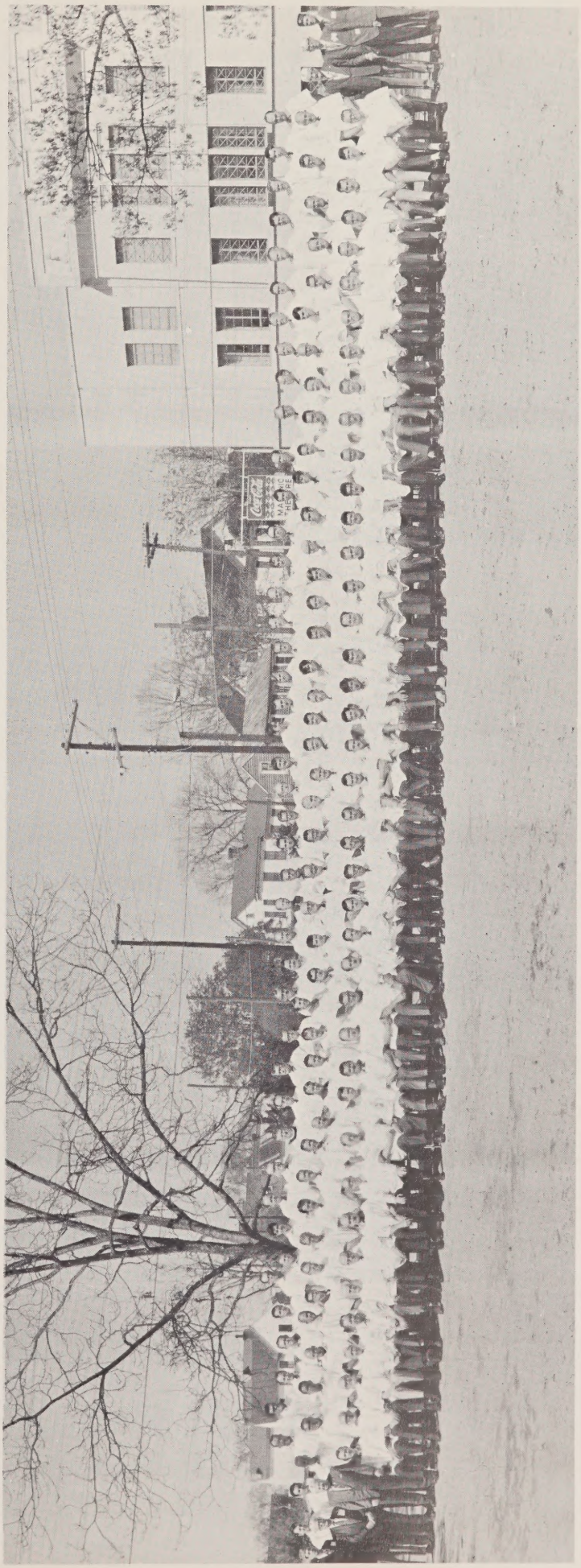

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